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PART I. SIGNIFICANT PHOTO INTERPRETATIONS

B. NEW TARGETS AND SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

ZZZ01:LA/VS TELECOM LINE EXT (NEW) SGM NONE CTY LA 154450N176445E
A NEWLY OBSERVED TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPEN-WIRE TRACE, 14.3 NM
IS OBSERVED EXTENDING GENERALLY SE FROM 15-44-50N 106-44-50E
XC872416), CROSSING THE XE KONG RIVER AT XC869402, AND CONTINUING
IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION WEST OF AND PARALLELING ROUTE 96 TO
SOUTHERN TERMINUS AT 15-37-17N 106-51-50E (SC997278), 20 NM
CHAVANE. THIS IS PROBABLY A SOUTHERN EXTENSION OF LA/VS OPEN-
TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINE 2, WHICH EXTENDS SOUTHWARD FROM THE
PASS AREA. SEVEN NM SEPARATE THE NORTHERN TERMINUS OF THE NEWLY
OBSERVED TRACE FROM THE SOUTHERN TERMINUS OF LINE 2.

ZZZ02:TELECOM BRANCH LINE 2A EXT SGM NONE CTYLA 160448N107211E
THE LA/VS OPEN-WIRE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH LINE 2A APPEARS TO
HAVE BEEN EXTENDED FROM THE A SHAU VALLEY IN SOUTH VIETNAM,
APPROXIMATELY 11 NM SE THROUGH A SMALL AREA OF LAOS, RE-CROSSING
THE BORDER AND PROCEEDING BACK INTO SOUTH VIETNAM. THE NEW SEG-
MENT, PROCEEDING SE FROM ITS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TERMINUS AT UTM
YC516790, (16-04-48N 107-21-10E) (REF A, ITEM 3), DISAPPEARS
UNDER A HEAVY TREE CANOPY NEAR THE BORDER AND REAPPEARS 3 NM
SE IN LAOS AT YC565751. HERE THE TRACE BECOMES FULLY VISIBLE,
GENERALLY PARALLELING ROUTE 548 EXTENDED TO YC596703, WHERE
THE TRACE AGAIN DISAPPEARS UNDER A HEAVY TREE CANOPY, REAPPEARING
IN SOUTH VIETNAM 3.7 NM SE. THE TRACE CONTINUES FROM THIS POINT
TO YC676688, WHERE IT TURNS EAST 4.5 NM TO YC759673 (15-54-30N
107-34-40E) 8.5 NM INSIDE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. THIS LAST SEGMENT
IS ALIGNED FROM 1 TO 3 NM SOUTH OF ROUTE 548 EXTENDED.

ZZZ03:POSS MIL SUPPORT AREA (NEW) SGM 96 CTY LA 140000N107000E

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A POSSIBLE MILITARY SUPPORT AREA IS OBSERVED ADJACENT TO ROUTE 96, APPROXIMATELY 25 NM EAST OF ATTOPEU. THE AREA, CENTERED AT 14-46-35N 107-16-37E (UTM YB448348), IS BOUNDED BY YB467365, YB467330, YB433330, AND YB433365. THE AREA CONTAINS NUMEROUS WELL-USED TRAILS AND FIVE ACCESS ROADS EXTENDING WEST FROM ROUTE 96 AT YB457364, YB444353, YB439346, YB442330, AND YB443334.

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ZZZ44:REACTIVATION OF ROUTE 16 SGM 16 CTYLA 144628N1073615E
A 4.5 NM SEGMENT OF ROUTE 16 HAS BEEN REACTIVATED FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC 16 NM EAST OF ATTOPEU. THIS SEGMENT EXTENDS SE FROM A ROUTE 96/110 BY-PASS ROAD AT UTM YB264342 (14-46-28N 107-06-15E) TO A ROUTE 110 BY-PASS ROAD AT YB329374. REACTIVATION OF THIS SEGMENT FURTHER EXPANDS A PREVIOUSLY REPORTED EXTENSIVE BY-PASS ROAD NETWORK IN THE AREA OF THE ROUTE 96/110 JUNCTION. (REF 3.)

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PART II. OTHER PHOTO INTERPRETATIONS-NONE.

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